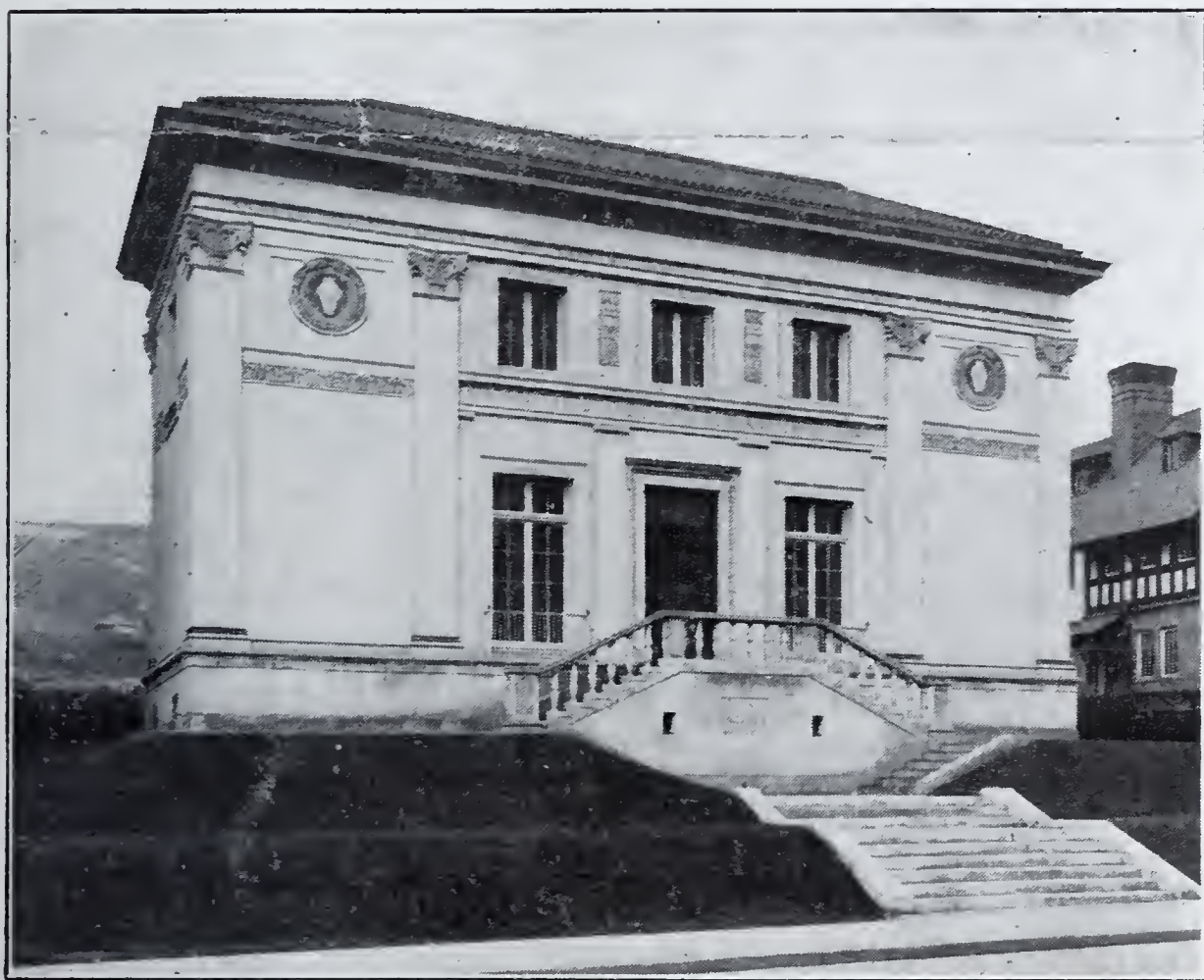


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# The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania



The Society's New Building

Grant Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Objects and Achievements

## **The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania**

It is 80 years since the first attempt was made to organize a Historical Society in Pittsburgh. Several futile efforts were made to establish a permanent organization. About 35 years ago the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania had its beginning, and later on did some valuable work under the long Presidency of Rev. A. A. Lambing, and the shorter one of the late Thomas L. Rodgers. In May, 1909, the Society was reorganized and immediately began a new and most vigorous career. The great need of a live and efficient society, whose object is to preserve the historical records of this section and promote popular interest in its notable history, is now daily becoming more evident to every intelligent and patriotic citizen of Western Pennsylvania.

Since the reorganization the Society has increased from about 40 members to 700, embracing prominent men and women in all sections of Western Pennsylvania. It has purchased a lot, finely situated at Grant and Parkman Boulevards, Pittsburgh, for \$14,000 and erected thereon a beautiful building at a cost of \$27,000. The Society has, since the opening of the building on February 17, 1914, collected and placed in it a library of over 1,000 volumes, and pamphlets, including valuable old newspaper files. Its museum also contains a number of very interesting historical relics and pictures. The building is open to members and visitors, on week days from 2 to 5 P. M., Sundays from 2 to 4 P. M.

The Society successfully managed the Western Penna. Steamboat Centennial celebration in 1911 and Allegheny County's 125th Anniversary celebration in 1913. It has already appointed a committee to arrange for the proper celebration of the centenary of the incorporation of Pittsburgh as a city in 1916. By that time it hopes to dedicate a large addition to its building, for which plans have already been made.

The Society holds interesting and largely attended meetings on the last Tuesday evening of each month, except July and August, at 8.15 o'clock, in its building, which adjoins the University of Pittsburgh and the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

It is desired to double the membership of the Society during the next few months, and to that end every present member is earnestly urged to at once secure at least one new member. If this is done and the total membership raised to 1,500, the Society can greatly increase its influence and properly perform all its legitimate functions, including the publication of a quarterly magazine containing the addresses and papers delivered and read before it. The dues are but \$2 a year, and there is no membership fee payment, the first paid dues being considered as such a fee.

If you are not a member and receive this circular, please consider it as a most cordial invitation to join the Society, and send your name and address and check for \$2 to order of H. M. Landis, Treasurer, to Burd S. Patterson, Secretary, 1408 Keenan Building, Pittsburgh. If you are a member, then please consider this as an earnest request for you to at once secure at least one new member.

Members of the Society who have not as yet paid their dues for the year April 1, 1914 to April 1, 1915, are requested to at once send their checks, drawn to order of the Treasurer, to the Secretary.

The downtown office of the Society is at 1408 Keenan Building, Pittsburgh. Telephone 9153 Grant.

**WM. H. STEVENSON,**

**President**

**BURD S. PATTERSON,**

**Secretary.**

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